

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are made in response to the Office Action of May 12, 2008 (Office Action). As this response is timely filed within the 3-month shortened statutory period, no fee is believed due. However, the Examiner is expressly authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Claims Rejections – 35 USC § 102

In the Office Action, Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-12, 14-17, and 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,243,445 to Begeja, *et al.* (hereinafter Begeja).

Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections, Applicants have amended the claims so as to expedite prosecution of the present application. However, such amendments should not be interpreted as the surrender of any subject matter, and Applicants expressly reserve the right to present the original version of any of the amended claims in any future divisional or continuation applications from the present application.

Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 to further emphasize certain aspects of the invention. As discussed herein, the claim amendments are fully supported throughout the Specification. No new matter has been introduced by the claim amendments.

Aspects of Applicants' Invention

It may be helpful to reiterate certain aspects of Applicants' invention prior to addressing the cited references. One embodiment of the invention, as typified by amended Claim 1, is a method for remotely requesting information or services from a remote service server through a personal computing system.

The method can include receiving, in the personal computing system, a telephone call from a user registered with the personal computing system. The user is remotely located from the personal computing system. The personal computing system is personal to the user and does not provide paid services to the user. The personal computing system does not exercise administrative control over a plurality of clients, but rather functions as a client with respect to the remote service server.

The method can also include receiving a user spoken utterance over the telephone call; speech recognizing the user spoken utterance to determine a request for information or a service; formatting an electronic message according to the request; sending the electronic message over a communications network to the remote service server; receiving content in the personal computing system from the remote service server; converting the content to speech audio in the personal computing system; and playing the audio to the user over the telephone call.

See, e.g., Specification, paragraphs [0006], [0027], and [0037] to [0048]; see also Fig. 3.

The Claims Define Over The Prior Art

The present invention provides a method and system for accessing Web content using voice commands through a telephony connection. In particular, the present invention allows a user to call a home computer system and request information or services over the established call. The home computer system can obtain the requested information or perform the user requested service. As such, the user can access information and content on the Internet, for example from a Web portal, through the user's own computer system. By allowing access to Web portals and other services such as electronic mail and instant messaging through a telephone, the need to subscribe to additional wireless and other paid services can be eliminated. See Specification,

paragraph [0006].

Begeja discloses a telephone-data network access device 102 that permits voice communication device users to access a data network 106 such as the Internet. It is noted that the telephone-data network access device 102 as disclosed in Begeja is not a personal or home computing system in the sense of the present invention. As described in col. 2, lines 47-67, of Begeja, a caller calls the telephone-data network access device 102 by dialing an 800 number, for example. The caller has to be a subscriber, or if the caller is not a subscriber, the telephone-data network access device 102 may send a message to the caller offering data network access services and requesting an account number such as a calling card number or a telephone number account to which the services may be billed. Therefore, the telephone-data network access device of Begeja does not provide the advantage of eliminating the need to subscribe to additional paid services when accessing a data network from a remotely located telephone by a user as in the present invention.

The language of Independent Claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 has been amended to explicitly recite that the personal computing system is personal to the user and does not provide paid services to the user, and that the personal computing system does not exercise administrative control over a plurality of clients, but rather functions as a client with respect to the remote service server. The support may be found in, e.g., Specification, paragraphs [0006] and [0027]. These limitations are not disclosed or suggested by Begeja. Since the telephone-data network access device 102 of Begeja provides paid services to a plurality of callers, the telephone-data network access device 102 clearly exercises administrative functions.

Accordingly, Begeja fails to disclose or suggest each and every element of Claims 1, 6, 11, and 16, as amended. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that amended Claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 define over the prior art. Furthermore, as each of the remaining

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claims depends from Claim 1, 6, 11, or 16 while reciting additional features, Applicants further respectfully submit that the remaining claims likewise define over the prior art.

Applicants thus respectfully request that the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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